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SUBJ :CONSTRUCTION OF NEW COPPER REFINERY AT CAPE TOWN
POSTPONED

REF :CAPE TOWN A-85 AND 219

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK ON NEW COPPER REFINERY AT FAURE, NEAR CAPE TOWN, WHICH BEGAN IN THIRD QUARTER 1974 UNDER CONTRACT WITH BECHTEL INTERNATIONAL, HAS BEEN HALTED AND PROJECT POSTPONED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. ACCORDING TO NEWMONT MINING SPOKESMAN, DECISION WAS TAKEN AS RESULT OF WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

2. PLANNED OUTPUT FOR REFINERY WAS 120,000 METRIC TONS OF CATHODE COPPER ANNUALLY FROM BLISTER COPPER PRODUCED BY TSUMEB CORP. LTD., IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND OKIEP COPPER COMPANY AT NABABEEP IN CAPE PROVINCE.

3. AT END OF DECEMBER OKIEP COPPER COMPANY LAID OFF 250 COLORED AND 60 WHITE MINE WORKERS AND ANNOUNCED CONTRACTS FOR 250 AFRICAN LABORERS WOULD NOT BE RENEWED AS RESULT OF SHARP DROP IN EXPORT PRICE OF COPPER.

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